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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80427

Johan THEVELEIN

Appln. No.: 10/796,166

Group Art Unit: 2414

Confirmation No.: 3449

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: March 10, 2004

For: NEW STRAINS "FIL", STRESS-RESISTANT UNDER FERMENTATION AND/OR GROWTH CONDITIONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, directed to claims 1-6, 42-50 and 60-61 drawn to a process for obtaining yeast strains conserving stress resistance in the presence of fermentable sugars, and claims 7, 9-10, 12, 14, 38, 40-41, 51-59 and 62, drawn to an industrial isolated yeast strain of the fil phenotype.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

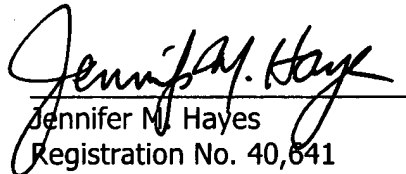
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